

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Executive Director Report
September 28, 2005 (for 10/4/05 meeting)

Announcements

- I have begun meeting with legislators and candidates in order to solicit their feedback and suggestions.

Participation

- We currently have **25** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle.

Voter Education

- We received new copies of the CCEC Nonparticipating Candidate Guide

5 Year Rule Review Update

- We have begun preparing the Rule Review Report. We have hired Dean Wright to assist us in the final preparation of the report.

NJ \$5 Contribution Rule

- Legally, it appears that a check card could be used for \$5 contributions, so long as: 1) the contributions remain exactly \$5; 2) The check for the total contributions that is filed with the Application to Receive Funds totals exactly the number of contributions x \$5; 3) the slips are used and signed in person by the contributor as required; and 4) any card fees are paid out of grassroots funds.
- We are looking into challenges on the administrative side in regard to receiving and processing the contributions. Our system is different than NJ, and we need to consult with the SOS and DOA.

Staffing

- I am reviewing the applications and plan to interview 5-6 candidates the week of October 3rd. I plan to have the Deputy in the office before the end of the Month.
- We have received over 140 applications for the administrative assistant III position and Paula is reviewing the 25 applications that meet the job requirements. We will hire a replacement as soon as possible.

Auditor General Report

- We had a successful, productive meeting with representatives of the Auditor General's Office.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 –Two complaints filed and no action taken. I will review the 2006 complaints as they arise.

- 2004 - 78 complaints total. Gene Lemon is wrapping up 2004 enforcement matters.
 - 2 internally generated complaints under review (Dial & Torgeson)
 - 5 under investigation (Cheuvront, Udall, Hammann, Hernandez, & Gowan)
 - 2 investigation complete, OAH decision issued (Smith & Murchison)
 - 69 completed and closed